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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (canceled).
- (currently amended): A packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/washing solution, the solution being prevented from generating gas bubbles that impair visibility during ophthalmic surgery.
  - (1) the container being a gas-permeable plastic container:
  - (2) the container being packaged in a gas-impermeable packaging member;
  - (3) the packaged container comprising an interspace between the gas-permeable plastic container and the packaging member, wherein the interspace has a volume which is at least 4 times that of the total of a volume of headspace in the container and a volume of dissolved gas; and

the interspace holds a mixed gas atmosphere of carbon dioxide and at least one species selected from helium and neon-The packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/washing-solution-according to claim 1 wherein the mixed gas atmosphere consists of 80 to 99 vol.% of at least one species selected from helium and neon and 1 to 20 vol.% of carbon dioxide.

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 (currently amended): A packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/washing solution, the solution being prevented from generating gas bubbles that impair visibility during orbithalmic surgery.

- (4) the container being a gas-permeable plastic container:
- (5) the container being packaged in a gas-impermeable packaging member;
- (6) the packaged container comprising an interspace between the gas-permeable plastic container and the packaging member, wherein the interspace has a volume which is at least 4 times that of the total of a volume of headspace in the packaged container and a volume of dissolved gas; and
- (4) the interspace holds a mixed gas atmosphere of carbon dioxide and at least one species selected from helium and neonThe packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/waching solution according to claim 1 wherein the volume of the gas dissolved in the solution contained in the container is 12 mL or less (25°C, 1 atm.) per liter of the solution.

4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A process for producing a packaged container containing an ocular perfusion/washing solution, the solution being prevented from generating gas bubbles that impair visibility during ophthalmic surgeries.

the process comprising the steps of:

 accommodating an ocular perfusion/washing solution in a gas-permeable plastic container; AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 Attorney Docket No.: Q85887

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(2) packaging the container in a gas-impermeable packaging member wherein the packaged container comprises an interspace between the gas-permeable plastic container and the packaging member;

(3) adjusting the interspace between the gas-permeable plastic container and the packaging member, wherein the interspace has a volume which is at least 4 times that of the total of a volume of headspace in the packaged container and a volume of dissolved gas; and filling the interspace with a mixed gas of carbon dioxide and at least one species selected

from helium and neon to establish the mixed gas atmosphere therein The process according to elaim 4 wherein the mixed gas atmosphere consists of 80 to 99 vol.% of at least one species

selected from helium and neon and 1 to 20 vol.% of carbon dioxide.